



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month reminds the public of the estimated 22,000 people in Hawai'i with developmental disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down's Syndrome, Epilepsy, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Intellectual Disability and Traumatic Brain Injury; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month focuses on individuals with developmental disabilities as people who are friends, neighbors, classmates, co-workers, volunteers and teammates; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month highlights the fact that people with developmental disabilities have many skills and talents to contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month stresses that we all must focus on the abilities of all citizens through active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month encourages all citizens to provide and support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to lead productive and fulfilling lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2014, as

"DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to take time to get to know someone with a developmental disability, and recognize their ability at work, contributing to our State's future prosperity.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of February, 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i